



Hurricane Harvey 2017  
10/06/2017 – 0700 CDT Update

***Due to the limited field activities, the next update will be issued Friday, October 13, 2017.***

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- On October 13, 2017, the House Energy and Commerce will hold a Member Briefing on State and Federal Hurricane Response Efforts in Washington DC. Regions 2, 4, and 6 have been invited to make presentations along with TCEQ Chairman Shaw and Florida Secretary Valenstein.
- EPA has requested an extension to the completion date for the Mission Assignment to October 30, 2017, to allow time for demobilization of assets and final disposal.
- The Houston Branch completed consolidation of all orphan containers collected from the Corpus Christi, Houston and Beaumont Branches for proper disposal. All activities are complete except processing the final box of solid waste and final profiling and disposal of the hazardous wastes. Three loads of waste are expected to be shipped to the disposal site. The timing of the final disposal of all wastes is dependent on the disposal companies. Activities other than final disposal are scheduled to wind down this week.
- An EPA Team from the Beaumont Branch continued monitoring the LD Construction Co. Oil Spill in Lumberton, Texas. Operations included replacement of used absorbent boom, placement of oil-absorbent pads, and removal of oil-impacted soil/vegetation. Of the 10 impacted properties that have provided access, only the RP's land has yet to be cleaned. An additional property has not yet provided access to the RP by the owner. Clean-up for the RP's property is expected to last until late next week.
- The only remaining ESF-10 field activities, other than the disposal of waste and monitoring the Oil Spill in Lumberton, involve demobilization of the lodging trailers and remaining equipment.
- EPA Region 6 received the Recovery Support Function #6 – Natural and Cultural Resources Mission Scoping Assessment for review. Comments are due Friday, October 6, 2017.

- Discussions are underway between EPA and FEMA's Joint Field Office (JFO) clarifying details of implementation of the R6 Recovery Mission Assignment. The MA ends November 06, 2017.
- On September 26, 2017, EPA Region 6 received a request from the Texas Water Development Board to waive the American Iron and Steel provision of the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund for eligible projects. The public interest waiver request from TWDB is posted for the required 15-day public comment period which closes on Oct 13, 2017.
- Currently, EPA has 13 people assisting in response to this natural disaster.

## **COMMUNITY LIAISONS**

EPA Community Liaisons have completed their assignment to provide federal and state guidance and best practices to thousands of individuals that are dealing with potential hazards in damaged or lost homes. The remaining Community Liaisons are demobilizing today, October 6, 2017. EPA is evaluating the appropriate transfer of information and community concerns back to County officials and, as appropriate, to ESF contacts in the Joint Field Office (JFO).

## **DEBRIS OBSERVATIONS**

The EPA field observers have completed their assignment of assisting TCEQ in conducting site observations. Future site observations have been transitioned to the state. The TCEQ has approved 178 Temporary Debris Management Sites in areas under the Federal or State Disaster Declaration designations. The EPA participated in 261 joint site observations. These joint site observations generated confidence in the debris management processes, confirmed that TCEQ is using a standard procedure and appears to be applying it consistently across the sites. EPA observers reported that the TCEQ is providing onsite compliance assistance and follow-up visits to confirm compliance with permits. The TCEQ plans to conduct site visits as long as approved debris staging areas are processing debris and transferring debris to landfills.

## ORPHAN CONTAINER & WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS

Items/Materials Processed for Disposal as of 10/02/17						
	Drums [55gal]	Small Containers [< 55gal]	Large Containers [> 55gal]	Cylinders	Solid Waste/Roll Off Box	Total Scrap Metal Recycled (lbs)
Total received at all Staging Pads	465	508	36	146	7	5,000
Processed for Disposal						
Total processed for disposal	465	508	36	146	6	
Remaining to be Processed for Disposal	0	0	0	0	1	
<b>Percent Remaining</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>14%</b>	

## FUNDING

October 4, 2017, UPDATED 1300 hours									
Funding Sources	Funding Ceiling	Funding Ceiling Less Indirect	Obligated to Date	Estimated Spent to Date	Unobligated Dollars Remaining	Estimated Unspent Dollars Remaining	Daily Burn Rate	Days Remaining	
Non Mission Assignment	N/A			\$64,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
MA 4332DR-TX-EPA-01	\$275,000.00	\$242,741.00	\$86,408.00	\$86,408.00	\$156,333.00	\$156,333.00	\$880.00	177.65	
MA 4332DR-TX-EPA-04	\$3,301,270.60	\$2,914,000.00	\$2,494,944.00	\$2,114,172.84	\$419,056.00	\$799,827.16	\$61,471.09	See Below	
Totals:	\$3,576,270.60	\$3,156,741.00	\$2,581,352.00	\$2,264,780.84	\$575,389.00	\$891,960.16			
Days remaining based on authorized direct ceiling minus total payroll, travel, and contracts EXPENDED								13.01	
Days Remaining based on authorized ceiling minus total payroll, travel, and contract OBLIGATIONS								9.36	
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MA 4332DR-TX-EPA-03 (Expired)	\$12,192,000.00	\$10,761,763.00	\$8,260,975.59	\$6,406,902.98	\$2,500,787.41	\$4,354,860.02	Expired	Expired	